

HIRSCH RESIGNS AS HIGH RENT FIGHTER

Failure of City to Provide the
Needed Funds for 1920
Given as Cause.

IMPLIED PROMISE BROKEN

Mayor Had Assured Use of
Some of Profits From Army
Food Sales.

Nathan Hirsch, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Protesting and Taxation, has forwarded his resignation to Mayor Hylan with the request that it be accepted immediately because of the Mayor's apparent lack of interest in the committee and his failure to provide funds with which to carry on its work. Mr. Hirsch asserts that more than \$5,000,000 has been saved to citizens of New York by the committee at a cost to the city of a little more than \$10,000.

The resignation of Mr. Hirsch was not unexpected as it followed a rebuff he received when he sought funds for the continuance of his work from the Committee of Five appointed by the Mayor to administer the \$300,000 left on the hands of the Department of Public Markets following the recent sale of surplus army food.

At a benefit performance in the Century Theatre on December 14 Mayor Hylan caused it to be announced by Charles A. Goldsmith, one of Hirsch's aids in adjusting differences between landlords and tenants, that the work of the Rent Protesting Committee would be financed from this fund. Shortly thereafter Mr. Hirsch sent a communication to the Mayor in which he wrote: "You are doubtless aware of the refusal of the committee in charge of the O'Malley fund to allot some of its money to this committee on the grounds that it would conflict with its object to expend the same for fuel, ice, milk and some other purposes it had in mind. In view of the public announcement caused to be made by you the refusal of this committee to carry out your expressed wishes places me and my I suggest, even Your Honor, in a most awkward and humiliating position."

Reviews Work of Committee.

In making the announcement of his resignation from office Mr. Hirsch reviews in detail the work of his committee since its authorization and his appointment; of his repeated efforts to impress the Mayor with the urgent need of financial aid, and expresses his regret at being forced to take the present step.

Up to November, 1918, Mr. Hirsch states, he personally met all the committee's expenses, giving in the aggregate a substantial sum in addition to his time. Since that date the committee has received \$10,537 from the city through three appropriations by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. All this has been expended with the exception of a small sum, and the payment of extra help engaged during the rent strikes last autumn has been held up because of red tape and technicalities.

"Handicapped as the committee has been by having to borrow its professional help," writes Mr. Hirsch, "it has adjusted more than 30,000 rent disputes, has saved more than \$1,000,000 for that number of families, and has aided in the enactment of rent-reducing legislation, the bringing some protection to citizens generally. The taxation committee, the expenses of which were for months wholly paid by the chairman, has returned to victims of tax lion and land sharks over \$5,000,000 in cash or realty."

Mr. Hirsch states his belief that while the land and tax situations are well in hand because of recent legislation, the rent situation is still acute, and will become more serious a few months hence. He states that on November 14 he wrote to the Mayor asking to be relieved of his duties, and made the date of his resignation conditional with the Mayor, who replied promptly, emphatically refusing to accept the resignation and warmly praising the work of the chairman. Referring to Mr. Hirsch's work Mayor Hylan said in his letter that "no man has ever performed a greater service to the city than you, and whether you like it or not I am not going to permit you to resign."

His Last Letter Unanswered.

In response to this communication Mr. Hirsch wrote to the Mayor again stating his determination to resign and offering to act in an advisory capacity. Mayor Hylan replied asking the chairman to continue his duties until July 1, 1920. The last letter of the correspondence was sent by Mr. Hirsch on December 26 and has not been answered. After calling attention to the refusal of the Committee of Five to aid him, Mr. Hirsch's letter continues:

"It is time, my dear Mr. Mayor, that I lay before you the state of my mind on this subject. For many months the committee has existed from hand to mouth and had it not been for my feeling of civic pride and duty its efforts would have been doomed to failure. If you are of the opinion that an appropriation of about \$20,000 cannot be procured for the year, I respectfully suggest that you dissolve and discharge the committee. As a matter of altruism, it is civic duty, it seems to me that it is obligatory on the members of the Board of Estimate and for the O'Malley Fund Committee to give us money whereby we can continue a work more important than distributing coal, ice and milk. May I have your answer before January 1 so we may be able to guide ourselves accordingly?"

Mr. Hirsch is head of the cotton goods firm of Joseph Hirsch & Sons of 113-37 West Twenty-first street. He expressed the wish yesterday that the Mayor would see fit to carry on the work of the committee, as it is the only agency which stands between the poor and extortion by unscrupulous landlords.

Charles C. Hughes, assistant to Chairman Hirsch, sent his resignation to Mayor Hylan yesterday to take effect simultaneously with that of his superior.

MENDEN IS B. R. T. CHIEF.

Appointed General Manager by
Receiver Garrison.

William S. Menden was appointed to be general manager of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company yesterday by Lindley M. Garrison, receiver. He succeeds to the powers that have been exercised by Timothy S. Williams, former president of the B. R. T. Mr. Menden was assistant to Mr. Williams.

Other appointments announced by the receiver follow: Col. A. R. Piper, assistant general manager; A. J. Coddell, assistant general manager; Charles S. Crabb, chief manager of ways and structures.

City Treasurer Arrested in Ohio.

WARREN, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Charles B. Kistler, city treasurer for the last six years, is under arrest here today charged with embezzling \$50,000 of city funds. He was arrested at Newton Falls last night by Chief of Police Givins, who says Kistler made a full confession. The shortage was discovered yesterday when Kistler turned the office over to his successor, William F. Bowen.

STATE PLANS SALARY RAISE OF \$4,000,000

Next Legislature Expected to
Benefit 20,000.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
ALBANY, Jan. 2.—The incoming Legislature is expected to authorize salary increases of approximately \$4,000,000 to aid the 20,000-odd State employees in meeting the increased cost of living. It became known to-day that Gov. Smith is to recommend an increase for the 6,000 persons employed by the State hospitals. The present State payroll totals about \$27,000,000. In each of the last two years the Legislature has appropriated more than \$1,000,000 for salary increases. In the meantime the cost of living has continued to rise.

An official of the State Education Department, who conferred to-day with Judge Parsons, the Governor's counsel, who is aiding in making up the new budget, told him that the attendance of young girls at the State Normal Schools had fallen off sharply because the pay of a teacher is but little in comparison to what young women can make in other lines of endeavor.

When the Constitutional Convention was in session in 1915 it was stated that State employees received more for the same work than persons in private employ. The situation has now reversed itself and department heads are finding it increasingly difficult to keep capable men and women for the salaries which are being paid.

SMITH INTERVENES IN GARMENT STRIKE

Governor Calls Conference to
Prevent Walkout.

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ALBANY, Jan. 2.—In an effort to avert a strike in the garment and suit industries which would affect 40,000 families Gov. Smith has called a conference of the workers and employers in the Executive Chamber at 2 o'clock next Monday afternoon. Edward F. Boyle, chairman of the State Industrial Commission, will preside, but Gov. Smith will make an earnest plea against any strike in this industry, which might have a far-reaching effect.

Gov. Smith has sent this telegram to the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the Cloak and Suit Manufacturers Protective Association: "Noting in to-day's press that a crisis is imminent in the important cloak and suit industry that may involve the families of 40,000 workers I consider it a matter of serious public concern. I therefore request that you send representatives of your organization to meet me in the Executive Chamber of the Capitol at Albany on Monday, January 5, at 2 o'clock to confer with me on ways and means of solving the questions now agitating the industry with a view of preventing a general stoppage."

Zebra, Gift to Roosevelt, Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Jerry, a zebra of royal lineage, died in the national zoo here to-day of old age. The late King Menelik of Abyssinia sent Jerry to the late President Roosevelt as a token of the friendship between the two countries.

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DEMAND FUSION FOR LA GUARDIA'S SEAT

Republicans Say Fair Play
Should Prompt Democratic
Indorsement.

MURPHY PROTEST LIKELY

Candidates for Congress in the
14th District Spring Up
In All Directions.

Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican County committee, takes the position that the Democrats should indorse the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fourteenth district to succeed President F. H. La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen.

Although he has had no communication with the Democratic leaders he said last night that he expected they would stand by the fusion agreement they made in the 1918 campaign, when certain Democrats were indorsed by the Republicans in return for Democratic indorsements for Republicans.

President La Guardia was elected under such a fusion arrangement for two years. His term will not be up until a year from March. Mr. Koenig holds that the fusion bargain was for the full term.

Some of the Democratic leaders in the Congress district acknowledge that there is much justice in the Republican contention. However, what will be done will depend entirely upon Charles F. Murphy. He does not feel altogether friendly to the Republicans because of what happened to his ticket last fall and may refuse to continue the fusion arrangement.

While the candidates for the nomination are springing up like mushrooms in both parties the leaders have given no serious consideration to the problem yet. It is said that former Mayor George B. McClellan would like to return to Congress. He is in good and regular standing with the organization now and Mr. Murphy might decide that he would be an accession to the Tammany delegation in Congress.

John T. Eagleton, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and formerly an Assemblyman, placed himself in the running last night for the Democratic nomination, if it is to be made. Deputy Fire Commissioner Calkin denied yesterday that he had or would resign from the Fire Department to run for Congress. He said that if he should be nominated and elected of course he would resign, but that was all the basis there was for the story.

There may be stated with considerable positiveness that there is no likelihood of the selection of either Major Michael A. Kelly or Shaemas O'Sheel, who have been spoken of for the Republican nomination because of their activity in the Irish cause.

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Feature No. 4.
What car has a six-cylinder (cast in block) valve-in-head motor with detachable cylinder head, totally enclosed valve mechanism and adjustable silent chain drive for camshaft and accessories?

This is the fourth of six advertisements appearing in this paper that will assemble an automobile before your eyes. Upon each successive appearance of the advertisement there will be added one of Five Distinctive Features in high-class motor car construction—the first, second and third being the features previously described and now listed below, the fourth feature being included in the assembly today. To test the knowledge of the public and its appreciation of the vital points of automobile design, a prize will be awarded to the writer of the letter which, in the opinion of the judges, most convincingly and tersely describes the advantages of these Five Distinctive Features.

What the letter must contain

In last Sunday's paper the assembly started with the first of these Five Distinctive Features—a pressed steel frame tapering in a straight line from the greater width at the rear. The letter will start with a presentation of the advantages inherent in this particular design of frame. The advantages of the second, third and fourth features in turn will be described in your letter. When all Five Features have appeared, your letter may be completed. As, so far as we know, there is but one car that contains all Five of these Features, your letter will naturally establish the make and name of the car.

The Prize Is the Car Itself

Touring Model

The American public justly prides itself on its knowledge of and ability to classify the various makes of automobiles. Almost every American citizen is a potential car owner, and he wants to understand the important points of high-class construction, so that when he does buy he will know exactly what he is getting for his money. The car referred to in this contest contains, among many other items of excellence, ALL FIVE of the quality features enumerated in this series of advertisements. To the best of our knowledge and belief, it is the only car containing ALL FIVE of these distinctive features.

Five Distinctive Points of Excellence.

In illustrating, one at a time, the Five well-known Distinctive Features, the name of the car will not be mentioned or suggested in any way. The illustrations and descriptive matter in each case will be general, but the features can be recognized, both by those familiar with motor car construction and by prospective car owners who give the matter careful study.

The Features Previously Described

No. 1—A pressed steel frame tapering in a straight line from the greater width at the rear.
No. 2—Semi-elliptic springs both front and rear, of high carbon and chrome vanadium steel with bronze bushed eyes; front axle, a drop-forged I-beam with chrome nickel steel spindles; a floating rear axle with spiral bevel gears.
No. 3—Four 12-spoke artillery type wheels on Timken adjustable bearings; steering gear of the worm sector type, irreversible and adjustable.

Conditions of the

Great Automobile Prize Contest

- 1.—All persons directly connected with the manufacture or sale of automobiles or concerned in the production and publication of this series of advertisements are barred from entry. The judges reserve the right to withhold the award from any one shown to be so connected or concerned, and in that case to award the prize to the writer of the letter judged next in merit.
- 2.—Only one letter allowed to each person, but several members of a family may send a separate letter for each individual.
- 3.—The writer of the letter which most convincingly and tersely describes the advantages of the Five Distinctive Features, thus establishing the make of the car containing them, will be presented with one of these great American cars (latest Touring Model) absolutely free.
- 4.—Letters must be in the hands of the Judges not later than midnight of the 5th day of January, which is 3 days after the opening of the Automobile Show.

THE JUDGES

C. F. CLARKSON, General Manager Society of Automobile Engineers.
H. C. BROKAW, Technical Director West Side Y. M. C. A. Automobile School.
A. G. BATCHELDER, Executive Chairman American Automobile Association.
ALFRED REEVES, General Manager National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.
ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, Editor Motor.

How to Enter the Contest

Set down the names and prices of all the cars you can think of which have a pressed steel frame, springs and axles of the types described above, four 12-spoke artillery type wheels with Timken bearings, the worm sector steering gear, irreversible and adjustable, and a six cylinder (cast in block) valve-in-head motor with detachable cylinder head, totally enclosed valve mechanism and adjustable silent chain drive from camshaft and accessories. Reason out in your own mind just why each of these features has certain advantages and make note from which you can write the first part of your letter. Then you will be ready to consider the Fifth Point of Excellence which will be published in this paper tomorrow.

When you have all five points before you and finally see a picture of the body of the car—and the car itself, if you visit the Automobile Show—you probably will have little difficulty in establishing what car it is that has ALL THE FIVE POINTS OF EXCELLENCE BUILT INTO IT. After that it is merely a matter of completing and mailing your letter.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

The car itself, which can be seen on the streets of New York in ever increasing numbers, will be one of those on exhibition at the National Automobile Show at the Grand Central Palace, from January 3 to January 10, where the announcement of the winner will be made on Wednesday evening and the car awarded. Thursday's paper, January 8, will contain the name of the winner and all the news regarding the contest. Letters to be sent to:

**Office of the Secretary, Automobile Contest, Mezzanine Floor,
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Tricks with Lace

Another model, more elaborate, has a whim for lace. It, too, is made of Crepe de Chine, and has an intricately delicate yoke of misty lace. Tiny inserts of Georgette crepe, tucked and lacyly frilled, add their bit of magic. Perched on the shoulders flutter gleaming bows of satin ribbons, tinted pastel orchid and blue. This night-gown is priced at \$17.97, including the luxury tax.

Ideas in Azure

Pink, of course, is not the only color in the realm of lingerie. One exquisite robe of pale blue satin has filmy sleeves of Georgette crepe and lace tipped with wee tassels. Ribbon of blue and gold showers, slimly in the front. \$23.77, including the luxury tax.

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